

District of Columbia City Hall
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District of Columbia City Hall
(Old City Hall; District of Columbia
Superior Court)
451 Indiana Avenue, NW, south
side of Judiciary Square
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY 	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) District of Columbia City Hall		HABS NO. DC-41
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Old City Hall; District of Columbia Superior Court		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 451 Indiana Avenue, NW, south side of Judiciary Square		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Central section begun 1820; east wing completed 1826; west wing completed 1849	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) George Hadfield	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) For many years served as city hall for the District of Columbia and later served as U.S. courthouse and D.C. Superior Court.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Indiana limestone		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 240' x 176'; E-shaped wings projecting further than central pavilion; 2-story on exposed basement, low hipped roof		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Central pedimented Ionic hexastyle portico; wings have monumental distyle <u>in-antis</u> elevations		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Addition across entire north side in 1881. Virtually reconstructed in 1916 when exterior was changed from stuccoed brick to limestone, retaining only about 25% of original material; interior completely redesigned		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Presently houses some of the offices of the D.C. Superior Court and other agencies		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.</u> A National Historic Landmark Category I District of Columbia Landmark		
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